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PHILIPPINE PARISH RECEIVES GRANT

NEW YORK -- An emergency grant of \$10,000 by the Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief will enable St. Thomas Church in the Diocese of Northern Philippines to rebuild after extensive damage caused by a typhoon last November.

Typhoon Aring left many persons dead, hundreds homeless and several millions worth of property lost.

The compound at St. Thomas Church, located in Dagupan, Tabuk, Kalinga-Apayao, sank as a result of the flooding and the buildings have been dislocated.

The total cost of rehabilitation, according to the Rev. Morento L. Tuguinay, rector of the church, is estimated at \$18,080, of which the local church and diocese plan to raise \$8,080.

The Rt. Rev. Richard A. Abellon, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Philippines, commended the rehabilitation project because of the "pioneering spirit" of the members of the congregation. "The individual members," he said, "most of whom are farmers, lost their crop for the season and are still recovering. The parish itself is in a tight financial situation as it tries to finish its new church building as well as repay its loan from Executive Council."

The parish, which became self-supporting in 1975, secured a \$30,000 loan from the national Executive Council to help in the construction of their new building.

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